MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we will take up the Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2005. But, before that, I have an announcement to make. I would like to inform the Members that after the Legislative Business is over, Special Mentions will be taken *up...(Intrruptions)....*

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Sir, yesterday, you took one hour for only passing the Bill. Today, you passed it in five minutes. I congratulate you.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the Seventh Report of the Department-Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): Sir I lay a copy of the statement on the Table of the House.

GOVERNMENT BILLS - *Contd.*

The Protection of Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2005

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that the Bill further to amend the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, be taken into consideration.

Sir, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) was set up in October, 1993, under the provisions of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, for promotion and protection of human rights in the country. In the light of the experience gained in the administration of the law for nearly five years, the Commission felt that a second hard look was necessary on the structural inadequacies in the law. In May, 1998, the NHRC set up an Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of Justice A.M. Ahamedi, former Chief Justice of India, to assess the need for structural changes and amendments in the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The above Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of Justice Ahmedi, suggested amendments to the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. The NHRC then